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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the election of species requirement set forth in the Office Action dated February 3, 2010. Since this Response is being filed within thirty days of the action, no fee is due.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

On page 2 of the communication, the PTO states that Applicant must elect a single species to abet prosecution. Responsive to this requirement, Applicant elects the species in which **RX** is reacted with **A-Mg-Y¹** for prosecution.

Pursuant to the above qualifications, Applicant has elected compound **21** (page 40, Table 3), as the aromatic compound species made using the inventive method. The elected species is made by reacting bromocyclohexane (recited element (2)), with 4-trifluorophenylmagnesium bromide (recited element (3a) of claim 1). Claims 1-6 read on the elected species.

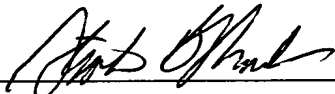
Applicant's understand that the species election is a mere administrative formality to abet the examiner's search, and as such additional species will be considered once the elected species is found to be allowable to analyze the patentability of the claimed genus.

Applicant also reserve their right to pursue the subject matter of any non-allowed claims in divisional applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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